

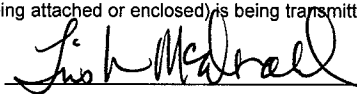
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tony George et al.
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For: COMBINATION THERAPY WITH MECAMYLAMINE FOR THE
TREATMENT OF MOOD DISORDERS
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Dated: January 7, 2009


(Trish McDonald)

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 7, 2008, Applicant hereby elects claims Group I, claims 1-8, without traverse, for continued examination. Applicant is adding claims 25-36, which are drawn to method of treating a mood disorder by administering exo-S-mecamylamine. Applicant believes these claims are properly in elected Group I and requests that they be included in Group I for search and prosecution.

Applicant is also required to make three species elections. First, Applicant is required to elect a particular mood disorder to be treated in the method of Group I or may elect a particular mood disorder listed in claim 2. Applicant elects refractory major depressive disorder as the mood disorder. Second, Applicant is required to elect a particular antagonist of high affinity nicotinic acetylcholine receptors to be used in the method of Group I or may elect a particular antagonist listed in claim 3. Applicant elects mecamylamine as the antagonist. Third, Applicant is required to

elect a particular agent to be used in the method of group 1 or may elect a particular agent listed in claims 6 or 7. Applicant elects citalopram as the particular agent. The species election is made with the understanding that it is required for searching purposes only and that all species will be considered should the generic claim be found to be allowable under 37 C.F.R. §1.141(a). Claims 1-8 and 25-35 are believed to represent a grouping representative of the elected species.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Amendment.